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My dear friend Harold.

How I enjoyed that good visit with you! It was such a pleasure to see you again, and to get to meet your sweet wife.

My thoughts have been with you often. I hope you are well.

The results of the July '77 MS bar exam were worse than ever, a pass rate this time of 24.5% Needless to say, I was not one of the elect. This will be the subject of protracted litigation. A meeting with a sympathetic attorney is scheduled tomorrow with seven prospective plaintiffs, of whom I am one. This is a difficult battle at best, and no one has any delusions about it. You think politics in Maryland are corrupt, but MS has you outranked in that category! Regardless of how this suit goes, I want to get out of MS as soon as I can, and I am pursuing job opportunities that I developed when I was up there.

When I heard the news about the arrest of Chambliss and Stoner, of course I immediately thought of you. My copy of Frame-Up is in Long Beach, and it has really been years since I read it, but I recall vividly your reference to the 16th St. Church bombing. (You erroneously said

it took place in October, 1963. (Actually it was September, but no matter.)

What relationship this had to the King killing I never fully understood, except that it was cited on the Militer tape as being the work of a man who "tried to get King."

Stoner's part in the whole affair is by far the most intriguing. He is a loathsome but interesting man, in the sense that Goering, Himmler, Ribbentrop, etc., were, BUT ON A LESSER SCALE.

I am not able to determine how much the Washington papers carried on this. Some papers are missing, it seems. At any rate, I'm sure you got the highlights. The local papers here carried virtually nothing on it. (They are controlled by a wealthy right-wing family who generally blackout anything against the Klan.) Also, nothing in the Dallas or Memphis papers, and only one story in the Atlanta paper, as far as I can tell. The basement is dimly lit.

The Birmingham paper is by far the best and most extensive. What little else there is, was copied from these. Unfortunately, we only have OUT OF STATE papers from the preceding month, due to limited space. Otherwise I would check the August papers to see who was subpoenaed before the grand jury. I was unaware of this investigation

until just the other day. And of course I knew you would be wanting clippings. So here is all I could find. This was alot of expense, work and trouble, so I hope you appreciate all this.

It has been all over the television, but as I say, hardly in print. I wanted to wait until it died down a bit before writing, so I could send you all of it. I will monitor this situation for further developments.

There is one thing I could ask in return. If you have any pull whatsoever with that HOUSE assassinations committee, I'd be eternally grateful for anything you could do toward getting me on it. I am very good at this sort of thing, digging, etc., as you see before you. This is one favor I will never forget.

Even though it may TURN OUT TO be a sham, it could still be productive to have me on the inside. This committee, I understand, has unlimited access. And I on the inside could get you anything you want + can't otherwise get.

Please write me as soon as you can and let me know how you are doing. Has your left leg gotten any better? Have they diagnosed the other problem in your right foot?

I, imagine you still exercise each day. I'd like to take another set of walks on your driveway with you sometime. I just don't know when I'll be up that way again. Things are quite up in the air as this end. But we'll keep in touch.

I am praying for your legs to be healed.

I have located a paperback ~~a~~ Julia's Story, by Fred J. Cook, but I will not get it for you unless you say you want it when you write back. It is a tragic story of medical arrogance/incompetence/and negligence. She had had heart surgery, and was on Coumadin to prevent clots. ~~She~~ She died because her blood got too thin and the pompous ass doctor ~~was~~ had been too high and mighty to observe all the classic symptoms. He also failed to impress upon them the urgency of having the blood tested at least every week. I personally witnessed the fact that you take great care to do this.

I just hope it all straightens out before long. My sincerest best wishes to you and your wife until I see you again.

~~Your friend,~~

I almost forgot. How did you like "The Trial by Lee Harvey

Oswald"? I understand CBS-TV is planning to do something called "Ruby and Oswald," which will "settle all doubts," I heard. We'll see. Also, ABC-TV has a special on this Thursday night (October 13) on the assassination, narrated by Peter Lawford. I'll try to tape it if I can. Let me know if you want a copy. I have a <u>big</u> collection of recordings I want to show you. Some day.

Until then, regards from

Your friend,

Jim

P.S. I did <u>not</u> keep copies of these clippings for myself, so if you write me about them, please bear that fact in mind.